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DETAILED ACTION

Interference

1. All claims are allowable. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.606 and 1.607(b), Examiner has determined that interfering subject matter is claimed in Claims 23-32 of the current application and claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent 5,561,075 which is patentable to the applicant subject to a judgment in the interference. The interfering subject matter is properly defined by a proposed count submitted by the applicant in Paper No. 3 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.607(a and c). The application is being forwarded to the Board of Appeals and Interferences for a possible declaration of an interference.

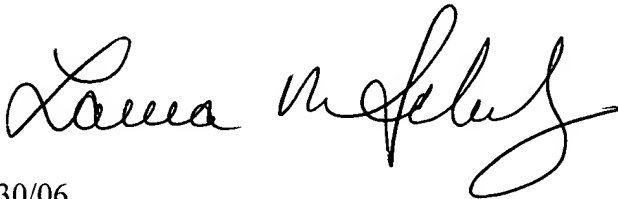
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Laura M. Schillinger whose telephone number is (571) 272-1697. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T, R-F 7:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl W. Whitehead, Jr. can be reached on (571) 272-1702. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner
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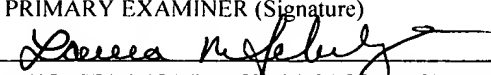
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INTERFERENCE INITIAL MEMORANDUM

Count # _____

To the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences:

An interference is proposed involving the following 2 parties

PARTY	APPLICATION NO. <u>08/841,644</u>	FILING DATE <u>4/30/1997</u>	PATENT NO., IF ANY <u>N/A</u>	ISSUE DATE, IF ANY <u>N/A</u>
If the involved case is a patent, have its maintenance fees been paid? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not due yet				
Proposed priority benefit (list all intervening applications necessary for continuity):				
COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	PATENT NO., IF ANY	ISSUE DATE, IF ANY
<u>Japan</u>	<u>3-135569</u>	<u>05/11/1991</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>Japan</u>	<u>3-65418</u>	<u>03/06/1991</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
The claim(s) of this party corresponding to this count:				
PATENTED OR PATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS <u>23-32</u>			UNPATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS	
The claim(s) of this party NOT corresponding to this count: <u>None</u>				
PATENTED OR PATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS			UNPATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS	
PARTY	APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	PATENT NO., IF ANY	ISSUE DATE, IF ANY
<u>Nakazawa</u>	<u>08/439180</u>	<u>05/09/1995</u>	<u>5,561,075</u>	<u>10/01/1996</u>
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<u>Japan</u>	<u>269675/91</u>	<u>10/17/1991</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>Japan</u>	<u>102668/91</u>	<u>05/08/1991</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
The claim(s) of this party corresponding to this count:				
PATENTED OR PATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS <u>1-12</u>			UNPATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS <u>N/A</u>	
The claim(s) of this party NOT corresponding to this count:				
PATENTED OR PATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS <u>N/A</u>			UNPATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS <u>N/A</u>	
(Check off each step, if applicable) INSTRUCTIONS				
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Obtain all files listed above. <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Confirm that the proposed involved claims are still active and all corrections and entered amendments have been considered. The patents must not be expired for, among other things, failure to pay a maintenance fee (Check PALM screen 2970). <input type="checkbox"/> 3. If one of the involved files is a published application or a patent, check for compliance with 35 U.S.C. 135(b). <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Obtain a certified copy of any foreign benefit documents where necessary (37 CFR 1.55(a)). <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Discuss the proposed interference with an Interference Practice Specialist in your Technology Center.				
DATE 05 December 2006	PRIMARY EXAMINER (Signature) 		ART UNIT 2813	TELEPHONE NO. <u>000-0000 571-272-1697</u>
DATE	INTERFERENCE PRACTICE SPECIALIST or TECHNOLOGY CENTER DIRECTOR (signature)			TELEPHONE NO.